Preservation of the works of Shri Ramkinkar

1039. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the works of Shri Ramkinar, the famous artist of West Bengal, is made of sand, cement and mortar which may be destroyed with the passage of time; and

(b) whether Government contemplate to preserve his outstanding works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Gallery of Modern Art has purchased a large collection of his works from Shantiniketan in 1961. The Government is considering the question of preserving the outstanding works of Shri Ramkinkar by getting them cast in bronze. The casting in bronze of the master piece entitled 'Santhal Family' is near completion now.

Development of domestic tourism

1040. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to identify new tourist spots and to provide facilities at the existing tourist centres for the growth of domestic tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The identification of tourist spots and development of facilities for domestic tourism are a continuous process carried on in consultation with the State Governments.

Department of Tourism is formulating and implementing schemes for providing facilities under various heads such as construction of inexpensive accommodation (Yatri Niwases), construction of Yatrikas (Dharamshalas / Sarais) ,trekking and mountaineering, beach holidays, wild life tourism, sports and adventure tourism and construction of economy hotels at places of tourist interest.

Visit of Shri Romesh Bhandari to the United Kingdom

1041. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary Shri Romesh Bhandari visited the United Kingdom in the third week of July, 1985 in relation to extremists problems besides other bilateral issues;

(b) whether the British Government gave any firm assurance on handling the problem of extremists operating from the United Kingdom; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In response to the projection of our concern regarding the activities in the UK of anti-Indian extremists, the UK authorities have conveyed that they will employ their will and determination to curb the activities of such anti-Indian extremists.